Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—To know whether there are similar arrears in other schools, have they taken steps?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not possible because there are more than 500 schools.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Are we then to take that in all the other aided schools the salaries of teachers are strictly paid?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government are absolutely ignorant. I may say that no complaints are pending with them.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—If there is mismanagement of schools have the Government taken any steps to regulate the payment of salary?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not possible to take more coercive measures. Government tried to hand over the affairs to some other for management and asked the public to take it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the assumption of the Hon'ble Member accepted by the Government.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not accepted or rejected the assumption that may be contained in his question. I gave simply a straightforward answer.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Before submission of the grant to the management, should you not ascertain whether the management has paid the amount to the teachers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Only after such acquittance are received Government do disburse the grant. In the absence of further complaints, Government have no business to go beyond the document.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—In the light of the observations made in the Diwan's speech of the other day that it is not possible, whether this particular aspect namely the production of the acquitance of the previous month would entitle the manager to get the salary amount immediately taken up and orders passed.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The matter will be taken to the immediate notice of the Diwan.

Comptroller's Office Location of.

77. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—(1) Have the Government felt the need of summoning the Comptroller of Accounts to the capital of the State for urgent consultations with the Diwan;

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(2) if so, how much money has been spent in the past 3 years, (a) by way of travelling allowances to officers;

(b) by way of sending messages to the Comptroller of Accounts and by way of receiving messages from that officer;

(3) is it not the practice with other Governments to locate the Finance Member's office near the Secretariat if not as an integral part of the latter;

(4) is it not the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury, the chief Treasury Office in the State, and is it not advisable to have the office of the Comptroller of Accounts near it?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) Yes, occasionally.

(2) (a) Calculation of this is not possible, as some of the journeys were performed for other purposes as well.

(b) It is not clear what the Honourable Member means by messages. If telegraphic messages are meant, the expenditure is negligible.

(3) Yes, generally.

(4) No. Only its transactions are greater than the other treasuries.

Not necessarily.

Assignment of the house and compound intended for the children of the Ex-Maharaja in the joint names of all the children.

78. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any complaints, requests or requisitions by any of the children of His Highness the Ex-Maharaja regarding the possession or occupation of the premises intended for them all jointly?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Government have not received any complaints; but there was a request for the assignment of the house and compound in the joint names of the children.

The Parur Chennamangalam Bridge.

79. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have obtained the approval of the Travancore Government of the plans and estimates of the Parur Chennamangalam Bridge;

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